

Romans 3 - 5 STUDY AHEAD

Beginning at Romans 3:21 Paul outlines God's plan to save us from the sin problem. This section runs through the end of ch.5. It is the clearest, fullest account of the doctrine of salvation anywhere in the Bible. Study it carefully!

3:21-26 State God's plan of salvation in your own words, based on these key verses.

3:27-31 Fill in the blank: Since all guilty sinners are made right with God *only* through faith in Jesus Christ, there will be no _____ in heaven. (Hint: Beginning of v.27.)

4:1-8 Who are the 2 Old Testament examples that Paul uses to show the even in the O.T., people were made right with God through faith, not through their own good works?

4:9-12 Did Abraham place his faith (trust) in God before or after he was circumcised? What difference does this make (in Paul's line of reasoning)?

4:13-15 Did Abraham place his faith in God before or after the Law was given through Moses at Mt. Sinai? What difference does this make in Paul's argument?

4:16 Key verse. Study it well!

4:17-25 How does Abraham become "the father of many nations?" What does faith have to do with this concept? How do Gentiles become "children of Abraham?"

5:1-11 Here Paul lists many of the *results* that come to us with Justification by faith in Christ. See if you can make a list of them.

5:12-21 This is a key doctrinal passage outlining "the 2 representative heads" of the human race, whose actions had implications for all of humanity. If you wish to study this closely, make two columns on a sheet of paper. Write "Adam" at the top of one column, and "Christ" at the top of the other column. Then list below each one all the things they brought to the human race.